

**ABSTRACT**

A process to transport a hydrocarbon product from one location to another location by means of a ship wherein the hydrocarbon product is obtained by:  
(a) separating air into oxygen and nitrogen; (b) using the oxygen to prepare a mixture of carbon monoxide and hydrogen from a carbonaceous source; (c) using the mixture of carbon monoxide and hydrogen to prepare a liquid or solid hydrocarbon product; wherein the process comprises loading the liquid or solid hydrocarbon product in a ship together with the nitrogen as obtained in step (a).